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Passenger Amenities in Trains
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware most of the train compartments have limited power sockets for charging mobile phones and other gadgets due to which the train passengers are facing difficulties while travelling;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government considers to introduce Wi-Fi internet connection in the trains on a chargeable basis in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Indian Railways were earlier providing 8 mobile charging sockets per coach. A decision has been taken to increase this to 18 sockets per coach. After this, Indian Railways has been providing 18 mobile charging points in sleeper and general class compartments of trains progressively. So far, 7977 sleeper coaches and 4634 general coaches have been provided with 18 mobile charging points per coach. All AC coaches have been provided with sufficient mobile charging points.

(c) Wi-Fi service has been provided in Howrah Rajdhani Express (Train No. 12301/12302) as a pilot project. This service is available free of cost to the passengers

(d) Free Wi-Fi facility in Howrah Rajdhani press has been provided on pilot basis. After a cost effective solution is arrived at, the decision regarding provision of Wi-Fi on chargeable/free basis in trains will be taken.
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